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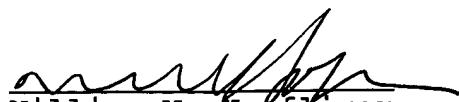
A Power is enclosed.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiners for their courtesy in granting the interview held on August 21, 2006. At that time claims 5 and 8, as recited above, were discussed, including the unusual advantages of the claimed device. The sub-paragraph e) blunt end configuration, as claimed, assists in both soil penetration, and avoidance of injury to the tip when rocks are struck, as stated in the text.

The art including Cramer does not suggests this in the overall totality of claim 5, as amended. Cramer suggests only a pointed tip, which leads in a different direction of tip construction, and does not provide the unusual advantages of applicant's device.

In view of the above changes and argument, the interview and the deficiencies of the references, allowance is believed justified and is respectfully urged.

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